

# Montclair Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023 at 7:30pm

Meeting at Town Hall in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

**Type of Meeting:** Monthly

**Facilitator:** Ben Rich

**Note Taker:** Ben Rich

**Commissioners:** Ben Rich (Co-Chair),  
Keith Brodock, Mac Carbonnell, Bill  
Martens

**Excused:** Suzanne Aptman (Co-Chair),  
Imke Oster, Janine Salvador (Secretary)

**Township Liaison:** Lisa Johnson

**Township Council Liaisons:** Excused

## **Call the meeting to order: Time 7:36pm**

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was published on the Montclair Township website home page, Montclair Local annually and, Montclair Environmental Commission website.

## **7:36 - Call the meeting to order, Welcome & Introductions** - Ben Rich

## **7:37 - Approval March 2023 Minutes** - Ben Rich

- Votes: 4 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

## **7:39 - Reports/Updates** (input/decision/action needed or action completed)

- Climate Action Plan (CAP) update
  - There is no update.
  - Bill will update the carbon targets model for the next meeting.
  - CAP to be incorporated into the Conservation Element of the Master Plan.
  - CAP is required for us to join the [c40 Cities](#) Global Network of Mayors. This is a 2023 goal of the Township Sustainability office.
  - Members agreed on a tentative timeline for producing the CAP:
    - A rough draft to be available to Commissioners by the May 3rd meeting in order to be discussed at the June 7th MEC meeting.
    - Make a 2nd rough draft available to Commissioners by June 15th.
    - Discuss the 2nd rough draft during the July 5th MEC meeting. Anticipated vote to make public for review by designated external parties at that meeting.
    - Suggestions from designated external parties due by August 15th.
    - Discuss external review comments at the September 6th MEC meeting.
    - Make final edits by September 15th.
    - Anticipate vote to move CAP to Township Council during October 4th MEC meeting.
- Pesticides Ordinance
  - No update.

- Review [Conservation Element of the Master Plan](#)
  - Reviewed Township message requesting MEC assistance
  - Discussed who will lead or participate in actions from the 2016 Reexamination Report Recommendations.
- Montclair Fleet electrification update
  - Time did not permit; to be shared next meeting.

**Adjournment 9:15pm      Next Meeting: May 3, 2023**

Upcoming Local Environmental Events:

April 15-22 - [NEEC Earth Day events](#)

April 20 - [Zero Waste 101](#) at the Montclair Public Library

April 21 - [Backyard Composting at the Montclair Community Farms at 6pm](#)

April 22 - [Drive Electric Earth Day \(DEED\) Montclair](#) at Crane Park near Lackawanna Plaza

April 22 - Community Earth Day Event at Montclair Community Farms, 11a-2p, 108 Orange Rd

April 22 - Climate Action Bike Ride starting at Crane Park at 10am with Bike & Walk Montclair

April 29 - Montclair Shred-Fest 9a-1p at George Inness Annex Parking Lot, N. Fullerton

May 5-7 - [Van Vleck Spring Plant Sale](#)

May 13 - Montclair Eco-Fair at St. James Church from 10a-2pm

May 20 - 21 - TownWide Community Swap